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Mr. William J. Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Washington, D.C. 20305

Dear Mr. Casey:

The following items of intelligence are provided for
 your use this week:

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1. Early indications of guerrilla planning for El Salvador's 25 March elections suggest they intend to conduct a campaign of violence in selected areas rather than attempt an all-out nationwide offensive to disrupt the vote. Although reporting on specific guerrilla intentions is contradictory and sketchy, preliminary signs point to a more selective use of violence. This choice may reflect lessons learned from the March 1982 elections, when their countrywide effort to disrupt the electoral process failed because of poor interfactional coordination and generally effective government security measures. The recent insurgent buildup in the Guazapa area may be in preparation for stepped-up attacks in San Salvador and the western departments during the pre-election period.

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More significantly, the guerrillas may believe the US general election is even more critical to their cause and therefore intend to time their offensive to coincide with the US election campaign as it gains momentum.

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Imagery of rear corps garrisons showed armor and artillery training underway in several areas.

In addition to the limited initial reaction to the start of TEAM SPIRIT-84, public reference was made on 4 February to a supreme commander's order that already detected increases in unit readiness.

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This suggests an overall national scenario linking at least some of these events and raises the possibility that combined CPX/FTX activity is being conducted in preparation for or in lieu of major mobility exercising.

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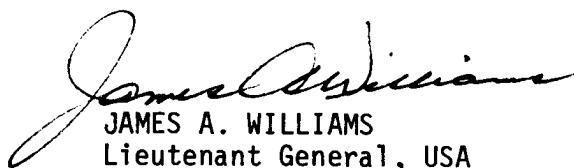
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Either weapon would provide the CAADF with its first limited standoff capability and would improve delivery accuracy. However, both would leave the firing aircraft vulnerable inasmuch as it must fly straight toward the target from missile launch until impact. Despite initial training setbacks, the acquisition of TASMs will enhance the capability to engage in offensive air attacks.


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